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For: EMBOLI PROTECTION DEVICES
AND RELATED METHODS OF USE

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. The documents authored by Tanaka et al. and Terada et al. are Japanese language documents. An English language Abstract has been provided for each of these documents. The document authored by Soler-Singla et al. is in the Spanish language. If the Examiner would like translations of any of the non-English portions of these documents, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 202-408-4488 and Applicants will have translations prepared and provided to the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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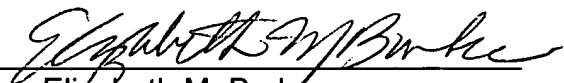
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Respectfully submitted,

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